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# Unpredictable Elevators

By SCOTT HOLTZMAN

Just when everyone else is thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner, the unpredictable 13th Floor Elevators come out with a new album entitled "Easter Everywhere."

This doesn't surprise anyone, because there is a mystical charisma which follows The Elevators wherever they go. Everyone knows they have adopted Houston as their headquarters, but does anyone feel that they are from anywhere in particular? Did they rise as Druid spirits from the mists of Stonehenge on some dark All Hallows Eve? Were they conjured up one full moon from the dank swamps of Louisiana

by Marie Laveau, the high priestess of voodoo? Or, are they aliens from Planet X offering us mirror-images of something hidden deep within our subconscious?

Witness a lyric from their new LP:

"Higher worlds that you uncover — Light the path you want to roam — You compare there and discover — You don't need a shell of foam — Twice born Gypsies care and keep — the nowhere of their former home — They slip inside this house as they pass by — Four and twenty birds of Maya — Baked into an Atom you — Polarized into existence — Magnet heart from red and blue — To such extent the realm of dark — Within the picture it seems true —

But slip inside this house and then decide."

That's from "Slip Inside This House" by Tommy Hall and Roky Erickson and is just a small sample of the lyric content of the album.

The saddest thing about the album is that the presence on the singers is so cloudy that unless you follow the lyric sheet thoughtfully provided with the album, you won't realize just how well these young men are writing.

"Splash I" came from their songbag, but it took the slick, commercialism of The Clique to make it Number 1 in this area. The funny thing about it is that The Elevators themselves are commercial, but some unknown element hides Roky Erickson's excellent singing abilities. As a listener, I want the singer to get more

personal with me. I don't want his voice hidden so often behind the musical jug, which has become identified as their sound, but is growing tiresome from over-exposure. When I hear The Elevators' tapes over giant speakers, I get that personal feeling, but somehow it is lost in the translation from tape to disc on a small machine in the home.

Don't get me wrong. This album is a must for any Elevator fan. In fact, it is already the fastest rising LP in Houston. It has many songs in it. My favorites are "Dust", "I Had To Tell You", "Slide Machine," and "She Lives In a Time of Her Own." I don't know which one will be their new single, but there'll be several left for you groups (who have no writers) to choose for



ROKY ERICKSON  
Curls and Song Writing

your own singles as did The Clique.

These pictures of Roky and Tommy are by Bill Metzler and are the first ever released besides those on the back of the new album. It's amazing that a group can become so

well-known nationally with no publicity pictures ever released before.

That alone shows how far these boys have come on sheer musical ability. They deserve every bit of it, wherever they came from.

TOMMY HALL  
Of the 13th Floor Elevators

## top 10 in the nation

According to Billboard

- 1) "To Sir, With Love" by Lulu
- 2) "Soul Man" by Sam & Dave
- 3) "It Must Be Him" by Wildl Carr
- 4) "Expressway To Your Heart" by The Soul Survivors
- 5) "Your Precious Love" by Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell
- 6) "Never My Love" by The Association
- 7) "Incense & Peppermint" by The Strawberry Alarm Clock
- 8) "Natural Woman" by Aretha Franklin
- 9) "The Rain, The Park and Other Things" by The Cowells
- 10) "Please Love Me Forever" by Bobby Vinton

Top 10 LP's in Houston

According to Record Service

- 1) "Are You Experienced?" by Jimi Hendrix Experience
- 2) "Super Hits" by Various Atlantic Artists
- 3) "Sgt Pepper" by The Beatles
- 4) "Electric Music Mind & Body" by Country Joe & The Fish
- 5) "The Bee Gee's 1st" by The Bee Gees
- 6) "Fresh Cream" by The Cream
- 7) "Vanilla Fudge" by Vanilla Fudge
- 8) "Blowin' Your Mind" by Van Morrison
- 9) "Procol Harum" by Procol Harum
- 10) "Incense & Peppermint" by The Strawberry Alarm Clock

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Houston's Most Requested:

- KILZ—"Incense & Peppermints," "Lazy Day" by Sparky & Our Gang, "Rock & Roll Woman" by The Buffalo Springfield
- KRBE-FM—"Hey Joe" by The Music Machine, "Are You Experienced" LP by Jimi Hendrix, "Incense & Peppermints"
- KNUZ—"Incense & Peppermints," "Daydream Believer" by The Monkees, "Next Plane To London" by The Rose Garden
- KFPM-FM—"Little Red Book" by Love (LP), "Hey Joe," "Echoes of Time" by The Lemon Fog

## newsounds calendar

### THURSDAY

The John Davidson Show — 8:15 PM, Jones Hall, Benefit, sponsored by Chi Omega Chautauqua, for Harris County Center for the Retarded

The Lyme—7:30 PM to Midnight, Lake Charles Coliseum

### FRIDAY

The Sherwoods—The Box, Fort Worth

Neal Ford and The Fanatics—8 PM to Midnight, Cleveland Teen Hall

Elastic Prism—Hideaway, Kemah

Yesterday's Heritage—Weimar Veterans Hall

### SATURDAY

The Sherwoods—The Box, Fort Worth

Elastic Prism—Elks Lodge, Pasadena

Yesterday's Heritage — Sam Houston State College homecoming, Huntsville

The Sound Investment — The Safari, Baytown

The Rebels — Kerwin High School, Galveston

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## Scott's Sneak Of The Week

"Easter Everywhere," (LP), 13th Floor Elevators (IA).